

# BART Silicon Valley

## FACT SHEET

### Overview

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Silicon Valley consists of extending the BART regional heavy rail system to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara. The 16-mile extension will travel along the existing Union Pacific Railroad alignment south of the future Warm Springs Station in Fremont to Milpitas and North San Jose, and then will tunnel underneath downtown San Jose, rising to street level in Santa Clara. When completed, this fully grade-separated project is planned to include: six stations – one in Milpitas, four in San Jose and one in Santa Clara; a 5-mile tunnel in downtown San Jose; and a new maintenance and storage facility in Santa Clara.

### Project Benefits:

- **Improves Connectivity:**

The new extension will connect Santa Clara County residents to a 109-mile BART system including the cities of San Francisco and Oakland. The project will provide enhanced commuter connections to VTA Light Rail and Buses, Caltrain, Altamont Commuter Express, Capitol Corridor and Amtrak, as well as planned connections to Mineta San Jose International Airport and High Speed Rail.

- **Supports the Economy:**

This project will create thousands of temporary and permanent jobs in the region while supporting local and regional transit-oriented development along the corridor. The project provides a high return on investment: for every dollar spent on construction, and operations and maintenance, approximately 4 to 10 dollars will be returned to the region.

- **Enhances the Community:**

BART Silicon Valley creates more options where we work and live by serving downtown San Jose, San Jose State University, HP Pavilion, Santa Clara University, major employment and shopping centers and other cultural destinations. The project will offer a new transit option for commuters and connect residents to the rest of the Bay Area region.

- **Responsible to the Environment:**

Taking cars off congested corridors eliminates 16,000 tons of greenhouse gases per year, decreasing foreign oil dependency and global warming.

### Delivering BART Silicon Valley

BART Silicon Valley will be delivered in phases. The first phase is the Berryessa Extension, a 10-mile, two station project that begins at the future Warm Springs Station in Fremont and ends in the Berryessa area of north San Jose. The Berryessa Extension project is receiving significant funding from the federal New Starts Program. Design and engineering of this phase is nearly complete, and construction will begin in 2012. Project development activities continue on the last six miles of BART Silicon Valley.

### Project Support

- In 2000, over 70% of Santa Clara County voters approved a 30-year, half-cent local sales tax measure for transit, with BART Silicon Valley as the priority project.
- In 2008, over 66% of Santa Clara County voters approved an additional eighth-cent sales tax to fund BART Silicon Valley's annual operating and maintenance expenses once state and federal funding have been secured.
- Local and regional support from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, San Jose Chamber of Commerce, local governments, and other labor and business organizations.
- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the transportation planning and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, has included the project in its current Regional Transportation Plan.
- Recommended for Federal New Starts Program Full Funding Grant Agreement for project's first phase.

### What's Next

#### Phase 1-Berryessa Extension

- \$900 million federal grant . . . . . March 2012
- Construction . . . . . 2012-2016
- System Testing . . . . . 2016-2017
- Passenger Service . . . . . 2018\*

\* Current construction proposals include accelerated schedules, therefore passenger service may begin sooner.

### Next 6 miles

- Secure funding

### How to Reach Us

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